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Randy Horrocks drives an off-road vehicle in Little Deer Creek Canyon, now in danger of being closed to the public.

Noise prompts request to close canyon

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Wild parties and loud off-road vehicles up Provo Canyon have led some fed-up neighbors to clamor for the closure of a popular dirt road.

The multiple stream crossings the road makes across Little Deer Creek and challenging obstacles make the road popular with off-road motor vehicle enthusiasts and mountain bicyclists.

At the top termination of the dirt road is Cascade Springs, a state park and popular tourist spot. At the bottom, the road ends at the junction of Provo Canyon Road (U.S. 189) near the Deer Creek Dam in Wasatch County.

But some residents who live in three homes near the bottom want Utah Department of Transportation employees to block off the road — especially near the

highway.

John and Jeanie Offret live in one of the three houses near Deer Creek Dam.

"There are loud and wild parties at the park near our homes," said Mrs. Offret.

She was speaking of a small unimproved park, just north of the Heber Creeper Railroad tracks. It's located close to the three homes.

Offret said she and other residents are concerned with the loud noise from partygoers, motorcycles and people shooting handguns and rifles. She has small children and said parties are particularly annoying. They often last all night.

Many who use the Little Deer Creek road also litter the area, she said.

The residents have been quietly urging authorities to close the

road without fanfare.

Dan Nelson, director of District 6 of the Utah Department of Transportation, said he was contacted by Mrs. Offret and sympathetic to her concerns. His district oversees U.S. 189.

But he said so far he has not decided whether to close the dirt road at its junction with U.S. 189.

Nelson said he told the residents to get letters from the property owners in the Little Deer Creek area — having them ask him to close the road.

Nelson said it wouldn't take a public hearing if the road were a private road and that he could close it if he felt that's what those who owned the property wanted.

Mrs. Offret said Friday that those who owned the three houses did not own the land along Little Deer Creek, but were trying to identify the owners.

One of the major owners is the Provo River Water Users Association.

Jack Gardner, director of the association, said it does own land in the Little Deer Creek area between Cascade Springs and U.S. 189. He also said there are others who own land there.

The association's land is leased to sheep ranchers who graze sheep there.

So far none of the the residents of the three homes have contacted Gardner about permission to close the road, but he said he is willing to grant permission. One of his employees lives in the neighborhood.

Al Clayborn, superintendent of Deer Creek State Park, said the state owns the small park near the three homes. But he said no improvements have been made in

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to address the group at its headquarters. A date has not been fixed.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said that at a meeting between Woerner and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, the sides had agreed that the NATO chief's visit "was a symbol that the Cold War has ended, and Europe is entering a new period."

Shevardnadze later met Kohl at a Moscow airport, Tass said. Kohl will hold talks with Gorbachev on Monday in Stavropol, the Soviet leader's home region.

agreed on a new strategy and proposed a non-aggression declaration to the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact.

"There is a clear coincidence in the approach set out by the alliance in London and the views of the Soviet leadership," Woerner said. "The hand of friendship has been extended on both sides, and there is agreement on building a new relationship."

Woerner said he told Gorbachev and Shevardnadze that NATO sought cooperation with the Soviet Union and that "our alliance does not look upon you as an adversary but as a future partner."

Scaffolding erected to hasten freeway opening

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Workers erected metal scaffolding Saturday to shore up a subway tunnel that partially caved in during a 1,500-gallon fire and was threatening the collapse of a stretch of downtown freeway.

The 1½-mile stretch of the Hollywood Freeway was closed for a second day because of fears it would collapse under the vibrations of cars and trucks.

A 100-foot section of a Metro Rail Line subway tunnel adjacent to the freeway collapsed Friday when it raced through construction materials inside it.

The subway line is part of a 150-mile rail grid planned for Los Angeles. Mayor Tom Bradley on Tuesday inaugurated the first stretch of the system, a 22-mile electric commuter train line be-

teen downtown Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The tunnel blaze broke out shortly before 2 a.m. Friday and portions still smoldered Saturday afternoon.

The cause remained unknown, but deputy Fire Chief Ray Rojo said there were no indications of arson. Six workers in a nearby tunnel smelled smoke when the fire broke out and escaped unharmed. Damage was put at \$5 million.

About 250 feet of the tunnel runs under the freeway, which is part of U.S. Highway 101. The portion under the freeway is surrounded by an 8-foot-thick band of chemically treated concrete or grout; the failed portion was not. Officials said that made all the difference: the cave-in stopped just 10 feet from the freeway.

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several years.

Clayborn, who said he has heard residents' complaints, is undecided on the issue, which surfaces nearly every year.

"I doubt that it (closure) will ever happen," he said.

Dan Wynkoop, who owns Mountain West Off-Road, a company that sells accessories for 4-wheel-drive vehicles, said the Little Deer Creek road is a popular spot for off-road enthusiasts and when customers have asked where they can go, he has recommended Little Deer Creek.

Wynkoop is also a mountain bicyclist and Little Deer Creek is one of his favorite bike trails.

"I have a problem with any public land closure. Before long there's nowhere to go," he said.

He added that he realizes in all groups there are those who cause problems, but he said most people respect the land.

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and Catholic Relief Services, have begun distributing rice to residents who have been eating roots and leaves because of food shortages.

The rice had been stored since June in warehouses where it was deposited by the United Nations. U.N. staff members were pulled out of Liberia after refugees housed in their compound were attacked by some of Doe's troops.

U.N. spokesman Francois Giuliani said about eight masked soldiers killed a guard and abducted about 30 people.

One of the U.N. warehouses was looted by Doe's soldiers, but a second was opened to the relief agencies. They distributed its contents to the needy while the government provided protection.

Checkpoints, created throughout the city as the government defensive position has deteriorated, were more relaxed on Saturday. Soldiers

to a sense of insecurity in Bulgaria, the only East European country where the ruling Communists won democratic elections.

Threats of escalating strikes forced the resignation July 7 of President Petar Mladenov, a reform Communist, and protests continue by activists seeking a full reckoning with the past.

Concern that a government hamstrung by protest would not be able to deal with pressing economic problems added to the pessimism in Bulgaria.

It has had to suspend payments of all but interest on the \$10 billion debt. An estimated 60 percent of industry is unprofitable and unemployment is growing.

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waives a sense of insecurity in Bulgaria, the only East European country where the ruling Communists won democratic elections.

Even Czechoslovaks, left with a relatively healthy economy, having trouble with economic adjustments. Food prices were raised 25 percent on July 11.

Rents and energy costs scheduled to rise in the fall, lowered by total price decontrol accelerated conversion to private enterprise early next year.

"I don't know what I'll do with things go on like this," said a worker at the Klementova.

East Germans are assured relatively quick prosperity through union with West Germany, but bracing for short-term turmoil.

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goals rather than the country's day-to-day affairs.

Before Gorbachev's reforms began, any high government position was secondary to the official's standing in the Communist Party. Until Saturday, it was understood that combination with a high party position was an indication of a government official's power.

"The new composition of the Politburo underscores that the party fully breaks with the former practice when it was organically built into the command and administrative system, and was on the top of the hierarchy," said Ivan Frolov, the editor of the party newspaper Pravda and a new Politburo member.

Ryzhkov, Kryuchkov and Yazov remain members of the 412-member Central Committee. Shevardnadze, however, does not.

Shevardnadze and Gorbachev adviser Alexander N. Yakovlev, a member of Gorbachev's Presidential Council, said during the congress that they did not see the need to remain on the Politburo. Gorbachev's traditionalist rival, Yegor K. Ligachev, was trounced by Ivashko in his bid for the party's No. 2 job and announced he was going home to Siberia to write a book.

The leader of the radical reform wing, Boris N. Yeltsin, quit the party on the day before the congress ended, and some of the country's most prominent reformers quickly joined him.

Gorbachev expressed "contempt" for those who quit the party, but acknowledged that the Communists were facing the beginning of a

multiparty system.

Frolov said that in addition to heads of party organizations in Soviet republics, himself, Gorbachev and Ivashko, the new Politburo will include:

—Alexander S. Dzasokhov, former ambassador to Syria and currently chairman of the Supreme Soviet parliament's International Affairs Commission. He will be responsible for party ideology.

—Yuri Prokofiev, the Moscow Communist Party chief, a job in the past has entitled the holder to Politburo status. Prokofiev known as a moderate reformer.

—Galina Semyonova, editor-in-chief of "Peasant Woman" magazine. She will be responsible for women's issues.

—Gennady Yanayev, who became head of the Central Council of Trade Unions this year after unrest began spreading throughout the country. He will be responsible for international affairs.

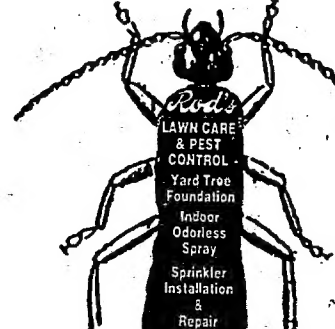
—Oleg Shenin, the party leader of the vast Krasnoyarsk region of Siberia. His will handle organizational issues.

—Igor Stroyev, elevated last year to the party's secretariat by Gorbachev. He will be responsible for farm issues.

Boris Gidasov, the Leningrad party chief whom reformers fear of being a hard-liner trying to undermine Gorbachev, was elected a national party secretary.

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